

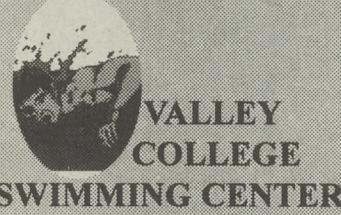
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# VALLEY Star

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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

## CAMPUS SCENE



### VALLEY COLLEGE SWIMMING CENTER

Men's Water Polo:  
Alumni vs Valley. Oct. 10,  
7p.m.

### THEATER ART BUILDING

Campus Concert Series presents: Valley Symphony Orchestra. Robert Chauls, Conductor. Oct. 10, 2:30p.m. in the Little Theater. General admission \$10, seniors and students \$7.

### MUSIC BUILDING PATIO

Concert On the Green  
LAVC Wind Ensemble,  
Michael Mertens, Director  
Oct. 12, 6p.m.

### TRANSFER CENTER

UCLA representatives will see students by appointment only. Oct. 14, 9a.m.-12p.m.

### FIRESIDE ROOM

UCLA Admissions  
Workshop Oct. 14, 1p.m.

### For Your Information

- ❖ A King and Queen will be elected at the homecoming game on Oct. 18.
- ❖ Students graduating in Spring '98 must petition for graduation before Oct. 24.
- ❖ Students can attend a free workshop on writing the Personal Statement in university applications.
- ❖ A Counseling Workshop will be held on Oct. 14, in the Foreign Language Bld. Room 104 to help students with job search strategies.

## POLICE WATCH

### October 3

Thieves unsuccessfully attempted to break into a car in parking lot C

### October 4

A car was vandalized in lot E after the football game.

### October 7

A radio was stolen from a car in lot D.

Campus police urge students not to leave valuables unsecured in their cars. Campus police may be contacted by dialing #30 from any pay phone on campus.

Information provided by the Campus Police.

## Pay Now or Pay Later

■ **Fines:** Waiting to pay for parking permits cost you more in the long run.

By DEEANNE MCCLAIN  
STAR REPORTER

Paying \$20 for a parking permit is cheaper than paying \$25 for a parking ticket.

The campus police issue between 1,200 and 1,800 parking citations every semester. The first two weeks of school, college police do not write citations and this fools many students into believing they can go without a permit and not get a ticket.

"I did that," Valley College student, Anthony Garcia said. "I thought they just didn't really enforce it. Now my pass cost me \$45."

During registration students are allowed to park in lot B for free.

This semester, Valley College has a new type of permit. The decal is now printed right on the hanger. This was done because many students were having difficulty with losing the decal or switching it to a different car when it was stuck to the back of the rear view mirror.

The parking regulations are clearly printed on the back of the permit and are numbered on the front. This number is identified with the students' ID number so the permit cannot be transferred from one student to another. It is against the law to transfer the permit and next semester, non transferable, will be printed on the back.

Many students with permits are parking in restricted areas where they know

they can receive a citation. The restricted areas are: red curbs, green zones, faculty lots and other posted areas.

Campus Police Captain Karl Traber says that most of these types of infractions occur in lot A on the corner of Burbank Blvd. and Fulton Ave., where students drive around and around hoping to find a spot.

When students realize they will be late to class if they don't park in a hurry, they park in the red or in the isle.

"They actually say there wasn't parking. What they don't realize is that there are seven other parking lots," Traber said.

Students also park in areas where there is a gate and are clearly posted "staff parking only" signs. Traber says some students do not seem to understand the sign.

"I don't know why. Maybe they think staff means welcome," Traber said.

New students are given a handout on student parking regulations. There is a map of all the lots on the back. On the map, lot G appears to be just as close to the bungalows as lot A. Also in the handout is a notice that if a student does not have their parking permit, a temporary permit may be obtained from the College Police Office in Bungalow 59. A printout of the students' classes must be shown.

Follow the rules. Pay for the parking permit and park only in designated areas. The campus police are not our enemy.

"We welcome students, Traber said, without students we don't have a job."

## FIND YOUR FUTURE

By NANCY BARAHONA  
STAR REPORTER

General, drop-in, personal and career counseling is available to students at Valley College.

Drop-in counseling is a short counseling session which lasts five minutes. The main purpose is to answer brief questions about available degrees, transfer information, and classes that are full.

A general appointment is scheduled one week in advance and lasts about a half-hour. It is an in-depth counseling session in which a student discusses any questions about degree requirements, transferring, academic probation or dismissal, financial aid and educational planning. Also, part of the general appointment may be used for personal and career counseling.

Personal counseling is for students who are having problems

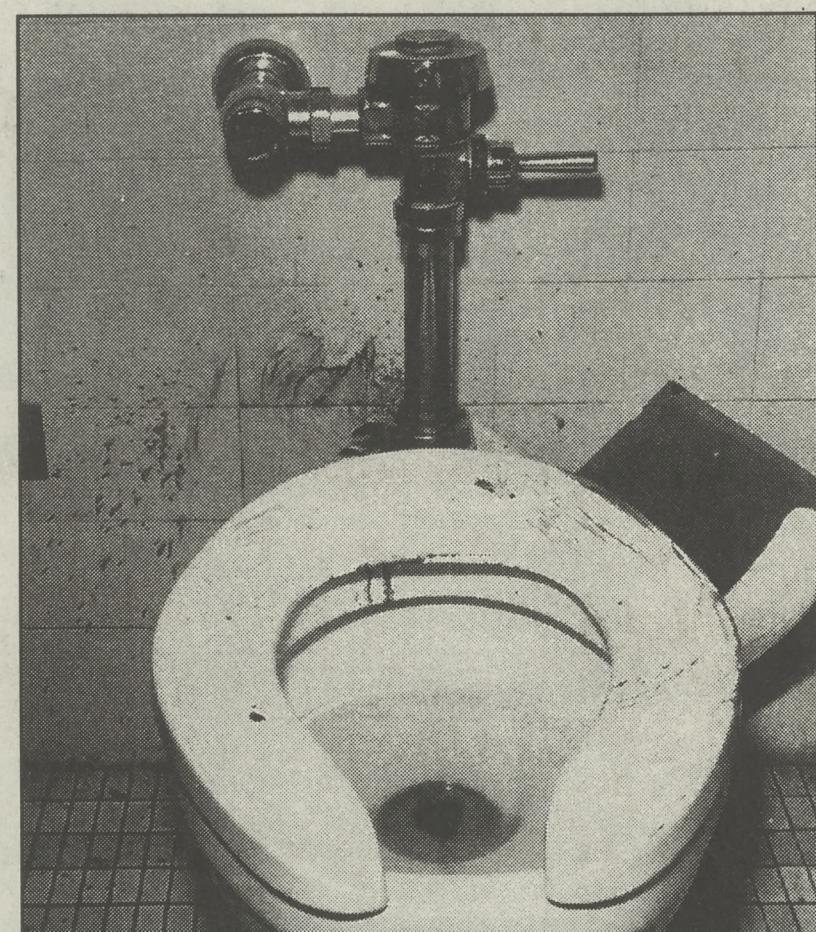
that are affecting their ability to do well in their classes.

"This is for students having problems at home or with their boyfriend or girlfriend," said Zelma Cohen, a secretary at the counseling center.

In career counseling, students have a half-hour appointment in which they are given an evaluation test. The objective of the test is to help students choose a career or a major. Students should ask to speak to a career specialist counselor. These appointments are only available to students enrolled at Valley College. For more information, students should go to the Career Transfer Center or enroll in Personal Development 4.

"The counselor helps the student to plan their future, and it's very important they come every term to make sure they're on the right track," said Cohen.

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Carola Danielsson/Valley Star  
The women's bathroom in the Journalism Building. Is this what your bathroom at home looks like?

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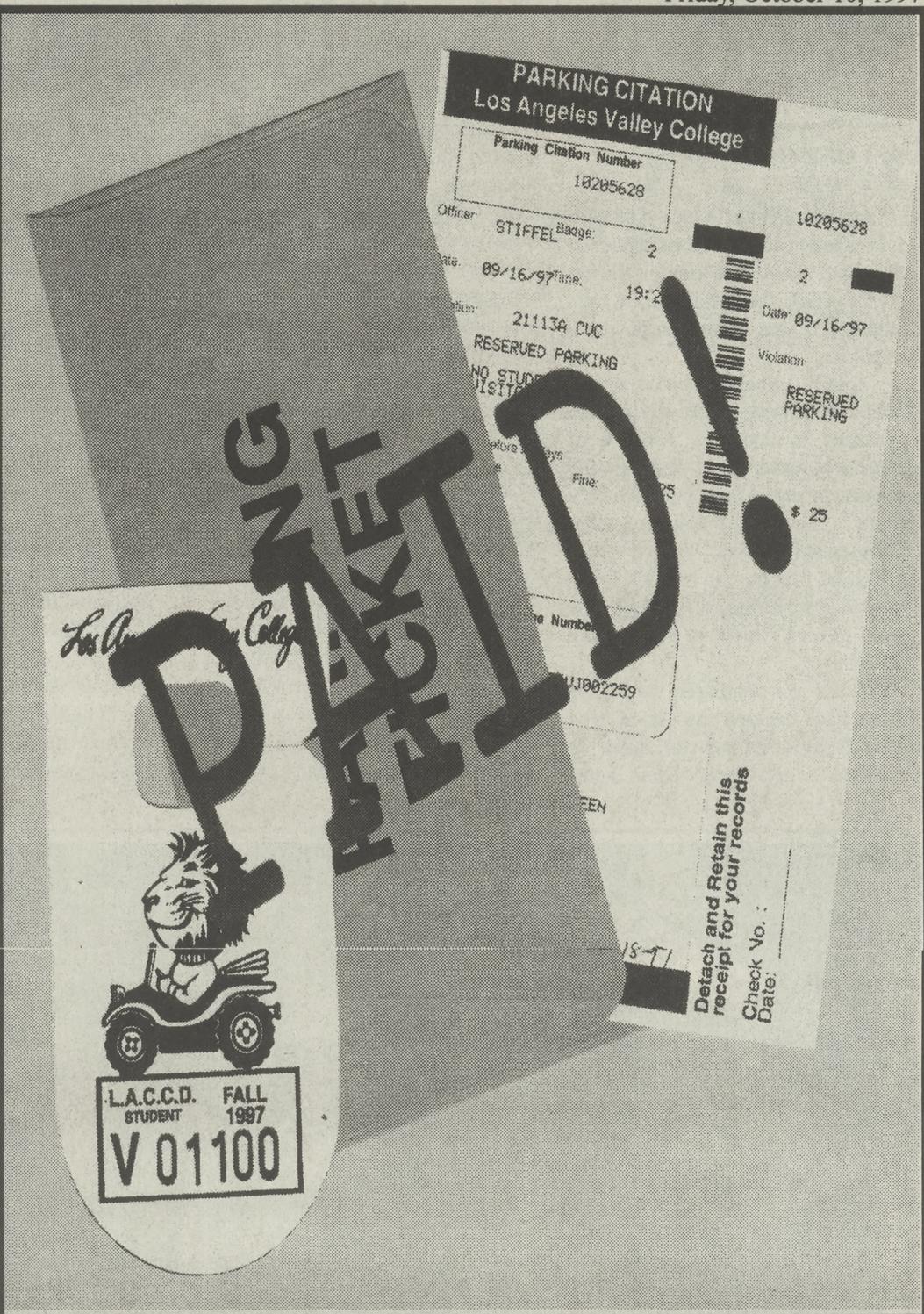


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## Valley Surfs the World Wide Web

■ **Technology:** Valley College web page available to students.

By STEVE BELAND  
STAR REPORTER

Web-surfing students can now visit Valley College's web site on the information superhighway.

The site, located at <http://www.lavc.cc.ca.us>, is available to anyone who has access to a computer equipped with a telephone line and a modem.

Web Director Jack Sterk said the site has been operational since July.

A wealth of information about the college is available on the site, which is subdivided into five groups: Campus Information; Campus Links; Course Offerings; Faculty and Staff and WWW Services and Resources. Each group is broken down further into individual links to specific areas of information.

For example, admission requirements and policies can be found under the "Admissions Information" link. Admissions applications can be downloaded from this link in Adobe Acrobat format. Students lacking the necessary software to download the application may request that one be mailed to their home by sending an e-mail message to the web director.

Sterk said the information on the site is updated daily. He also said faculty members have e-mail and Internet access but students do not.

Complete course descriptions for all departments and the fall 1997 class schedule are available under the "Course Offerings" link.

Information on student loans and grant pro-

grams is provided under the "Financial Aid" campus link. Eligibility requirements for these programs can also be obtained at this link.

Transfer Alliance Program (Honors) applications can be printed from its self-titled campus link. The TAP curriculum is outlined and eligibility requirements and benefits are explained.

Library hours and policies are listed under the "Library" campus link. There are also links to other Internet library sources such as the Library of Congress, Los Angeles Public Library and the USC libraries.

Cooperative Education is a program which allows students to earn college credit for working. The program's requirements and grading policy are accessible under the "Cooperative Education" campus link. There is also a fall semester seminar schedule posted.

Under the "Fall Events Calendar" link, there is a month-by-month listing of campus events that take place during the fall semester.

The college has posted a master plan for the development of an intranet on the web site, but Sterk said that these plans are not yet complete. An intranet is a computer network that links several computers together in a local environment so that constant communication can be maintained between its users.

Additional campus links include information about: the Academic Senate; athletics; the forensics (speech) program; PACE Program/Weekend College; Professional Media Resource Center (PMRC); Puente Program; Shared Governance; Staff Development; Valley College's technology plan and faculty and staff e-mail addresses and home pages.

## Library Hours Cut From A to Z

By REBEKAH FOWLER  
STAR REPORTER

Valley College's library is more than a storage space for books, newspapers and magazines. It also provides students with a place to study and do research.

There are more than 115,000 books, 400 magazines and several newspapers housed in the library. It also has an extensive microfilm and microfiche collection and a card catalog which lists all the books, audio cassettes and video cassettes.

Budget problems forced the elimination of the library's evening hours as of Sept. 1.

"So far the only real cuts have been the evening hours," David May said. "More cuts are expected."

May added that the budget for books and periodicals will also be reduced.

"This is not the first time budget cuts have affected us. Over the years we've had budget reductions," May said. "We got through it then and we'll get through it now. It's the students who suffer."

Many students say they use the

library most in the evenings.

"It is hard to find the hours to come during the day because of class," Suzy Gonzales said. "I need a place to study and do research."

The Associated Student Union is funding Saturday hours for the library.

Library Hours	
Mon. & Tue.	8a.m. - 6p.m.
Wed. & Thurs.	10a.m. - 8p.m.
Fri.	8a.m. - 3:30p.m.
Sat.	11a.m. - 3p.m.

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## Who Asked U About Mascots?

By LEO SMITH  
STAR REPORTER

An astonishing thing occurred a few weeks back when I flipped on the tube. No, I didn't laugh during ABC's TGIF, that would take a miracle. No, it was something far more insidious.

Totally unbeknownst to me, a coalition of misguided activists had managed to convince a board of flaccid bureaucrats to eradicate the mascot of one of my high school's most hated enemies: the Birmingham Braves.

For the first time in my life, I witnessed something that made me want to hurl a brick at my beloved television.

It seems a contingent of Native Americans deemed the use of "Joe Brave" as a mascot an insult to Indians everywhere. Their com-

plaints noted that the name "Brave" elicited the concept that Native Americans were warlike and vicious. This group also objected to the caricature of Joe Brave (a.k.a. Chief Pontiac) as demeaning, unjustly comparing it to others such as the Cleveland Indians' "Chief Wahoo."

As complicated (and ludicrous) an issue as this might seem, their demand was deceptively simple: get a new mascot.

The inept powers that be, swayed by the boisterous, petty complaints of the Indian delegation, voted overwhelmingly in favor of this politically correct change.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge that this change has radical consequences. Not only will this policy affect the Birmingham "Braves," but also the Gardena "Mohicans" and the University "Warriors." The necessary physical

changes (uniforms, murals etc.) will prompt the egregious waste of a cool quarter of a million dollars that is badly needed elsewhere in the school district.

When June hits the Valley, cultural sensitivity will be damned, give me air-conditioning.

Now, you've probably heard all these arguments in the case against the removal of Chief Pontiac, so instead, let's look at the precedent this decision has inadvertently set.

Some logic deficient toadies defending the chief's removal claim to detractors that if their ethnic identity were on display, they would demand its removal too.

Well then, that's a great idea. I call upon all those people of northern European decent to protest Monroe's "Vikings" and Granada Hills' "Highlanders," for they portray their modern descendants as berserkers and barbarians.

Those of Spanish and English heritage should shudder at the thought of El Camino Real's "Conquistadors" and Fairfax's "Colonials," for those mascots portray them as plundering rapists.

I challenge the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to assail mascots such as the Van Nuys "Wolves," the Lincoln "Tigers," Crenshaw's "Cougars" and every other animal high school mascot for viciously portraying these misunderstood creatures.

The precedent has been set and the LAUSD has opened the floodgates. I call upon everyone who loved their mascot because it represented to them a symbol of pride and reverence to more than just cry foul. Get off your apathetic ass and do something. Start by writing to this column.

Next week: More mascots



## Drunk Driving

■ Just remember: The person in the other car could be someone you love.

By Ben Alter  
STAR REPORTER

I still don't get it. After everything that has been learned about drinking and driving, people still do it.

Yeh, yeh, I know, people are still smoking even though it's not good for them, but at least with smoking, for the most part they're only hurting themselves.

Assuming that is true, this means that advertisers and magazine editors think that professionals want to read snappy, upbeat, non-serious material that hardly pertains to our priorities.

What is our society coming to?

One would assume that editors would see the professional woman as more than some giddy debutante.

How many of us buy \$300 outfits?

How many make-overs can one woman have? The idea that they think women have so little to think about is repugnant. Our priorities as women are surely more substantial than what we see in print, aren't they?

Women, we should let the magazines know that we want to read about more interesting topics. That is what letters to the editor are for. We should point out that we have real lives to attend to that could use a little attention. More important issues between men and women should be covered like communication, finances and trust.

How about things that are going on in the world with professional women? We do have female political leaders don't we? Isn't it possible that we are interested in what they are doing?

What about women's health issues or clothes we can actually afford with our budgets? What about real life?

The next time you pick up a magazine, ask yourself, "Does this really inform me of anything?" If it doesn't, a letter to the editor might just change that.

I don't want to hear about that whole second-hand smoke thing, because unlike drinking and driving with second-hand smoke, you can get away from it.

Getting back to the subject at hand, drinking and driving is one of the most senseless killers of human beings out there.

Let me tell you why this is so important to me. When I was a freshman in high school, I had a very good friend who went out one night with her boyfriend, not realizing she wouldn't be coming home that night.

What ended up happening was her boyfriend found out that she was going to break up with him and said that he was going to die with her. About 12 midnight, the two of them along with two other friends went to pick her little sister up from the movies and then went to a place called "The Shadows," where all the teenagers use to hang out.

He got drunk, and as they went

around a bend, he shut his lights off and drove head on into another car. Only two of the six people survived, the teenager in the other car and my friends little sister.

I also heard a story about a girl. She was new to her town and lied to her parents one night so that she could go out with this guy. He got high and drunk and hit another car head on. The two people in the other car died and the guy died. She was still alive but barely.

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## VALLEY STAR EDITORIAL...

## Enough is Enough - Pick Up Your MESS!

The only thing multiplying faster than the cats at Valley College is the trash and debris being thrown around campus.

At times, there seems to be no end to the evidence of people's bad habits.



Carola Danielson/Valley Star

From the disgusting filth in the bathrooms to the piles of garbage thrown in corners, the condition of the campus is unhealthy and pathetic.

Whose trash is it? Mr. Nobody's - the person left standing when everyone else says, "Not mine?" Who is going to clean it up? Certainly not Mr. Nobody!

Everyone expects the custodians and maintenance workers to clean up the campus because it's their job. Here's some news for you: It's not happening!

Students, this is our campus. It's easy to blame someone else for the trash strewn around campus, but what about the mess that's in the bathrooms?

The bathrooms are, at times, atrocious. Since the faculty has their own bathrooms and it's the students' facilities which are in shoddy condition, it is easier to see who's to blame.

There are many students who take pride in our campus and then there are those few who just don't care.

Ignoring the problem does not make it better. The custodians and the maintenance workers say that the students can help out in several ways.

First, don't leave your trash laying around; put it in the trash cans. If the trash can is full, look for another one nearby.

Secondly, inform any custodian, maintenance worker or faculty member of the littered area. They aren't asking students to do their job for them, just to help out by being responsible.

Valley College could be a great looking campus if everyone pitched in. It is the responsibility of every student and faculty member to try and make a difference. We cannot claim ignorance.

We all see the problem. Now let's do something about it. If the trash is piling up because the custodians are not aware of it, we must make them aware of it.

Custodians may be reached by calling extension 301 from any campus telephone.

Get involved and make a difference. Report the mess.

## Outrageous Hollywood Salaries

By KIM BARNES  
Star Reporter

Jim Carrey, Demi Moore, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Kevin Costner are just a few of today's Hollywood actors that command salaries in the six figure range. Salaries seem to increase year after year.

What's even more amazing is the lack of justification for these outrageous salary increases.

Today, actors are able to ask for and receive larger salaries with each movie they make. This is true even if their last film (or last two or three films) performed miserably at the box office.

In my opinion, this occurs because we, (the movie-going public) tend to put actors on some sort of pedestal.

We view actors as some type of gods, simply because of their ability to entertain us.

For example, just because Demi Moore decides to bare all in the movie "Striptease," does this justify her \$12 million salary? In my opinion, it does not.

Taking off your clothes for a movie is not the same as trying to find a cure for cancer or helping the poor and sick in Calcutta. In other words, doesn't it seem to make more sense to pay this sort of salary to someone who is doing something really productive and helping society?

Don't get me wrong, I know celebrities work hard and sacrifice quite a bit to become successful. I also know that some celebrities donate some of their time and money to worthy causes. This is all very admirable. However, maybe just one celebrity could start a trend by agreeing to donate half of their astronomical salaries to a charity (or charities) of their choice.

By doing this, they will not only be helping society, but they will also make

themselves look good in the eyes of their adoring public.

Another negative point about outrageous celebrity salaries, is the cost of movie tickets. As stars' salaries continue to escalate, studio production costs skyrocket. This increase is of course, passed on to those of us that like to go to the movies. The last time I checked, movie tickets were \$7.50 per person. On a Saturday night date, with popcorn, drinks, etc., the evening could easily cost \$35. On a college student's budget, that is not a very realistic date.

Overall, I'm not condemning actors for receiving such large salaries. Who of us would refuse such a high a salary if it were offered.

However, I am suggesting that Hollywood check out other options (such as those mentioned earlier) when putting together deals with their stars.

Lead Guitarist for Quiet Riot  
Pistol Whipped in Home Invasion Robbery

By ANGELA LUSSIER  
Star Reporter

Recently next door neighbor and close friend Carlos Cavaso was knocked over the head and tied up in his own home by two gunmen who asked for drugs, money and guns. He thought he was going to die. He was able to determine a small window of opportunity and escape through his back door, wearing only his boxer shorts.

God was with both of us that night. As he turned the corner of our street, a police cruiser just happened to be coming his way. They were able to apprehend one of the suspects immediately and the other (after making his way through the neighborhood) about thirty minutes later, two and a half blocks away.

I had left his house at around 8:30pm to get back to work on a project at home. At one point I couldn't find my keys and thought I had left them at Carlos' house. I

thought I'd go over to see, but for some strange reason, my screen door was stuck shut. I couldn't get it open so I just went back to work again. Later, when the helicopters and cruisers were outside, I called Carlos and I learned of the robbery.

Having already lost a loved one through violence, this was quite traumatic for me (let alone him). The thought of my friend losing his life to a random act of violence made me angry. I thought to myself, where did those guys come from? What kind of relationship did they have with their family? What led them to this?

I am constantly reminded of the conservative view that blames our violent society on liberals - like me.

We are not stupid, nor do we act from our bleeding hearts, or out of guilt. I think that is the difference between conservatives & liberals. We look at the cause of the problem with open minds and compassion while conservatives just want to punish. This serves as a vicarious satisfaction for conser-

vatives since many of them subconsciously realize that they are in need of discipline themselves.

I can only speak for myself when I say I have little pity or concern for the damaged goods that commit random acts of violence in our society because there is little that can be done by then. I only wonder about them because I'd like to see the cycle end and in order to do that we need to address the issue of our children. I do, however, have great empathy for victims of abuse that have the presence of mind to retaliate against their abusers, be it a wife beater, an incestuous father, or a cigarette burning, child beating mother.

Yes, laws need to be changed so that these types of crimes do not carry with them the same penalties as those who commit cruel random acts against innocent victims.

It is not my bleeding heart that cries out for social programs for our children, or equal opportunity, or affirmative action. It is self-preservation on behalf of the human race.

between you and the victim's face. These devices cost under \$10 and anyone who knows CPR can easily use one. I always carry one in my school backpack.

They are not foolproof, but they do provide a great degree of protection and peace of mind if you decide to do CPR. No decent person wants to stand by helplessly while someone else dies.

As your article mentioned, the Red Cross teaches regular classes in CPR. It takes about four hours to learn, and you are certified for a full year. You are provided with an I.D. card, which lessens the chance of a lawsuit (#2 concern on your list).

I am currently certified by the Red Cross in both adult CPR and standard first aid. In the past, I was a combat medic for two years.

Thanks again for an informative article.

Most respectfully, Daniel Hersh

## Letters

## Ellen Out WHERE?

By ANGELA LUSSIER  
Star Reporter

Recently in a headline, the Calendar section of the LA Times asked, "She's out, but where?" Well, I'll tell you where. She's out into the conscience of television viewers everywhere, and that's where she, and the whole of gay humanity, should be.

Why is that? It's because through the ages gays have been shamed into hiding in closets all over the world. Bible-quoting zealots spew their judgment and hatred and ignore the Scriptures about judging others and casting the first stone.

The choice vs. nature debate permeates the discussions and thoughts of armchair philosophers the world over.

Well here's a thought: It's like most everything else, a little of both. Sexual orientation is on a continuum. We are born somewhere along it, either to one end or the other, with attraction to the opposite sex and the same sex at opposite ends of the spec-

trum.

Most of us are somewhere in between making it easier, depending on where we are, to conform to a culture's standards. Those closer to the ends of the continuum find it much harder to adapt to these man-made expectations of one another.

Imagine telling a black man he must be white in order to be acceptable - well, that never happens...

The pain this society has inflicted on people because of their sexual preference, be it more or less of a choice, is indefensible. It has contributed largely to the enormous suicide rate among our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

So, Ellen came out. What a courageous thing to do. She traded in one burden for another, her own personal struggle, with that of the ideals of tolerance and acceptance for all who cause no harm to others but are judged by their lifestyles.

What are you going to do about it?

## What's Your Opinion?

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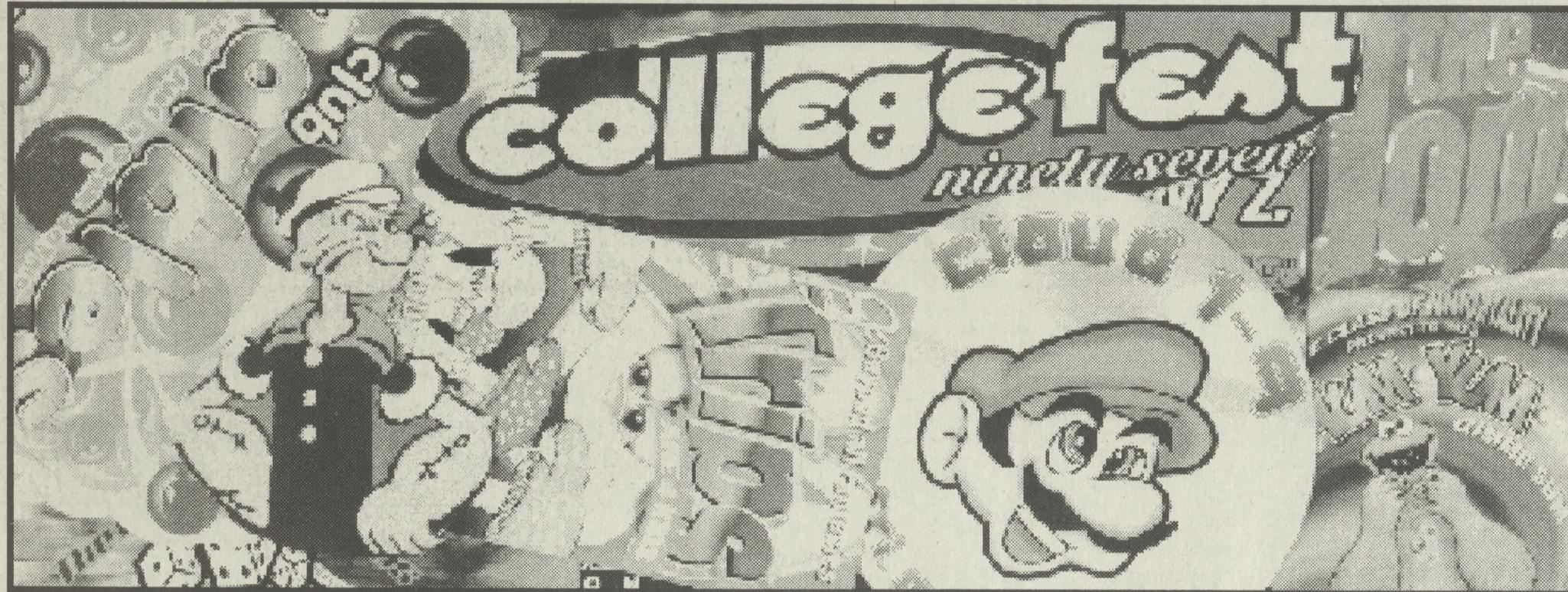


# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Clubs, Parties and Raves... Oh My!



By JULIO CORTEZ  
STAR REPORTER

**T**he lines are long, the price is high and attendance is limited. Still, clubs are at the top of the party lists. Clubs offer a large variety of music, dance floors, beverages, and they serve as hosts for Southland partygoers from Lancaster all the way to Orange County.

Since clubs are legal, partygoers attend clubs because they don't have to worry about going home early.

The only thing partygoers have to worry about is making the club's cover charge, mostly over \$10, the age limit is either 18 or 21, and the dress code which includes: no t-shirts, tennis shoes, or baggy attire.

The only difference between clubs are the age limits. They all have the same objective in mind, "keeping the party scene alive."

Partygoers attend clubs in search of a night of dancing while meeting members of the opposite sex.

Promoters attract partygoers by producing animated flyers, introducing famous DJs and by distributing free giveaways.

**P**artygoers attend these events because they're inexpensive.

Parties are held in every community in Southern California with prices usually between \$3 for a house party, \$7, if the event is held at a hall and even group discounts.

Partygoers not only save on entrance fees, they also save on gas for their vehicles.

Their only worries are going home early when the event gets raided and avoiding curfew tickets.

### Differences

Clubs	Parties	Raves
-Price: \$10-\$15.	-Price: \$3 house, \$7 hall.	-Price: \$15-\$20.
-Location: Halls	-Location: Houses or halls.	-Location: Vacant warehouses, recreational areas or the desert.
-Dress Code: No t-shirts, tennis shoes or baggy attire.	-Dress Code: No gang attire	-Dress Code: None
-Age limit: Mostly 18 or 21 and over	-Age Limit: None	-Age Limit: None

**R**aves, a moderation of the 60s party scene, has been giving partygoers the opportunity to have fun while getting away from it all.

The lasers, strobes, projectors and different type of music keep partygoers in dancing moods all through the night.

The attendance usually exceeds 1,000 so they are held at gig locations like vacant warehouses, recreation centers and sometimes out in the desert.

Raves are usually legal. Those events which the promoter didn't get permission for might get raided by police. The good side of raves is they are worth the \$15 to \$20 partygoers pay. If an event does end up raided, promoters try their best to get another location, transfer the DJ equipment and get started again.

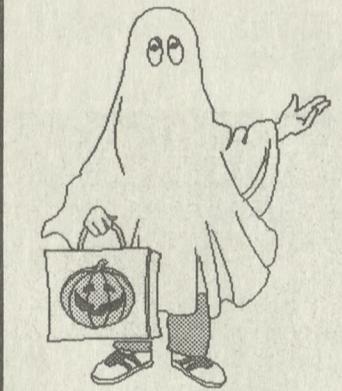
Rarely does a fight break out at raves. Those in attendance are caught up into the group activities such as sitting in circles where they smoke and give each other massages.

Because a dress code is not enforced, partygoers show up at raves with painted faces, colorful outfits and cereal boxes converted into backpacks.

## Calendar



**-The Theater Arts Department presents:**  
The Return of Monty Python's Flying Circus. The first one-act of the season, directed by Aubrey L. West, will perform Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Valley College Shoebox Theater.



**-The Queen Mary's Shipwreck** will triple October's fright with three terrifying mazes beginning Oct 10. For more information contact the Queen Mary at (562) 435-3511.

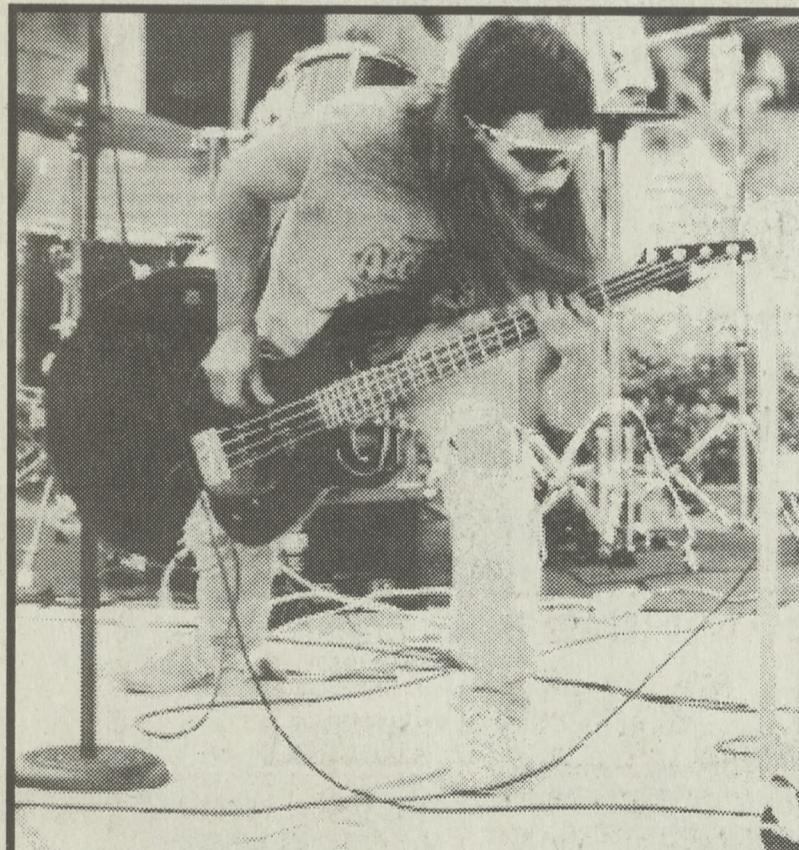


**-The Valley College Music Department presents** Robert Chauls and the Valley Symphony Orchestra in the Little Theater at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 12.

The Valley College Wind Ensemble will perform at the Green Music Building patio at 6 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Kate Lewis and Adrian San Vicente will perform their guitar skills in the Music Recital Hall on Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

## 007 Gets In Trouble With the Law



Jeff Kraft performs in the free speech area.

Maria Ivey/ Valley Star

By JULIO CORTEZ  
STAR REPORTER

Campus police confronted band 007 as the trio performed at Valley College on Sept. 24 to promote their CD entitled "License To Thrill."

Although their performance in the free speech area was promoted by Leon Harding, the Associated Student Union vice-president, for their seventh Valley College appearance, the band was asked to lower their music by a campus police officer.

"It was trippy," said Jeff Kraft, band spokesman and guitarist.

"They were playing too loud," said campus police officer Frank Dallas. "We got a lot of complaints because there were classes going on at the time."

According to Officer Dallas, the band stopped their music and

left.

"It wasn't exactly what we expected," Mike Hander, 007's bass player, said. "We expected more people."

The promotion of the band's 10 song album will lead them across the nation.

According to Kraft, 007 is unique because its members are from different places in the United States.

Kraft, who graduated from a musicians institute in 1989, is from Kansas City, KS. Hander, from New York City, NY, has been playing professionally for 14 years and Steve Bernandino, 007's drum player, is from Chatsworth, CA.

Currently 007, which has been together since May, is working on a new CD which they plan to bring out by next year. The CD will include 13 songs.

"We thought it was cool," Kraft

said about the band's name.

According to Kraft, the band wants to be like James Bond, Agent 007, because "he is always beating the bad guy and getting the beautiful girl."

"Black Widow," "Awesome," and "Make Your Dreams" are the album's top hits which the band plans to bring out as singles.

Bernandino said that he would like "Not So Easy," another of 007's hit songs, to be brought out as a single.

"We're trying to form a fan-based relationship," Kraft said.

Hander said that another of the band's goals is making their own label which will allow them to produce their own CD from start to finish.

007 performs at the Roxy Theater in Hollywood Oct. 17. For more info on this and other events, call the 007 information line at (800) 988-7708.

### Things to Avoid During the Month of Halloween

-Don't let any of Valley College's black cats cross your path.

-Don't walk under the ladder of the men fixing our air conditioners.

-Make sure you get your feet out of the way when the janitor sweeps the hall with his broom.

-In the cafeteria, make sure your coffee is not a witch's secret brew.

-In class, watch out for the flickering lights. Is it a ghost or just electrical problems?

-In the halls, avoid stepping on the cracks on the floor. Remember, this is Southern California.

### Dear Iris & Angie

Dear Iris and Angie,

I am a full time college student and mother to two daughters. I have had a couple of setbacks in my life that are affecting me both financially and mentally. I find myself so overwhelmed at times that I have very little patience. For the most part I am not a violent person but lately I've been pushed to the limit. I had an altercation a week ago and I lost control. I am not really worried about hurting myself or my daughters but I am concerned about my short fuse. I stress about things I have no control over, yet I don't know how to let it bother me. What should I do?

Signed Down and Out.

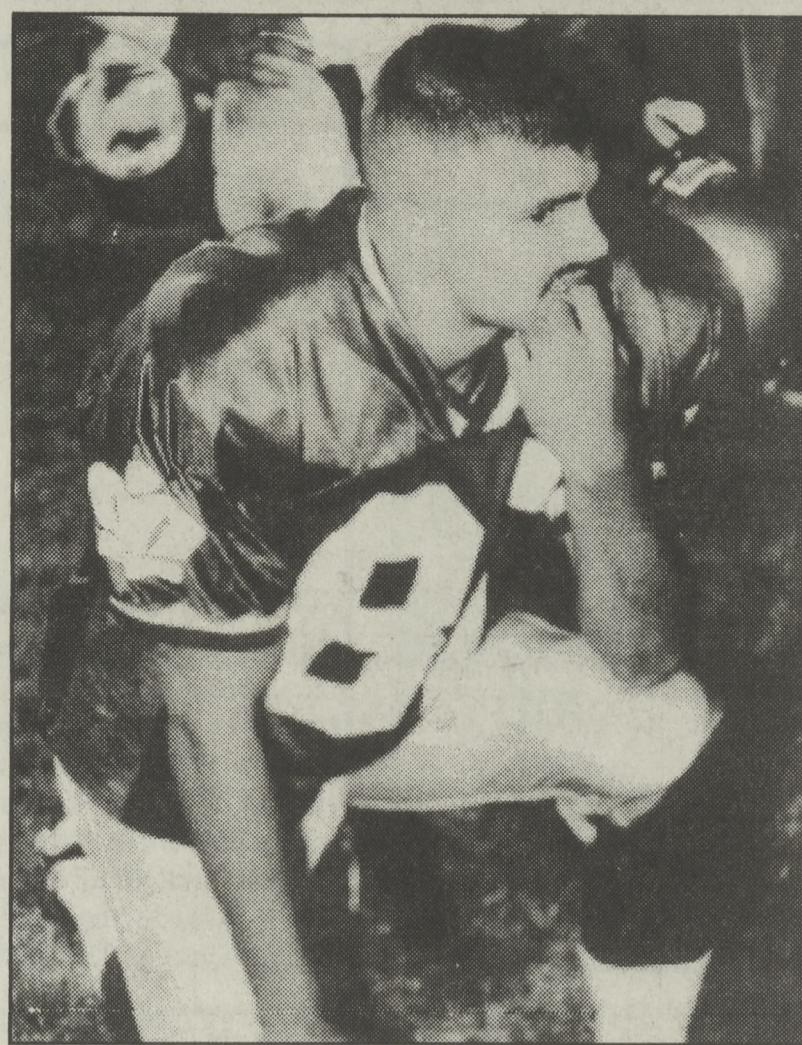
Burnout is a common problem among college students, let alone being a parent on top of it. Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. You are doing the right thing by going to school, and even though it's something that you are doing for yourself, it's still a drain. At least you know that your current school load will be over at the end of the semester. Depending on your situation, you may want to reassess your school workload next time around. It's important for you to continue your education, but your daughters must come first. In the long run, reevaluating your commitments, and allowing time for yourself will be well worth it.

Angie

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# SPORTS



David Baldwin/Valley Star  
Tony De La Torre bites his nails on the sideline during a loss to Bakersfield.

## Bakersfield Renegades Overthrow Monarchs

DAVID BALDWIN  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

It was a damp and chilly night and Valley's bleachers were filled with fans. No sound came from the home crowd the Monarchs were losing.

The Bakersfield Renegade fans could be heard echoing through the stadium, chanting and raving for their team. In their first home game of the season, the Monarchs lost 25-7.

The Renegades were heard telling each other that they were doing great. All they had to do was hold the Monarchs for five more minutes.

The Monarchs were heard consoling each other and told themselves they had done their best, but they lost, but they would win the next game.

As the final buzzer sounded,

boos roared from the Valley bleachers, and cheering came from the visitor's. The Monarchs lowered their heads for just a moment after the buzzer, then raised them high as they returned to the field to congratulate the Bakersfield players.

The Monarchs returned to their sideline with their heads held high, after congratulating Bakersfield. The Renegades would travel back to Bakersfield with friends, family and the victory. In the first quarter, Valley almost stopped the Renegade offense, but they allowed two field goals, the first coming with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter started with the Renegades scoring the second of their first half field goals. With the second half closing, the first touchdown of the game occurred, as

the Renegades made a five yard run for the touchdown, but they missed the two-point conversion.

The Monarchs tried to come back in the third quarter, but they were only able to come up with seven points, with an 83 yard punt return by Leaford Hackett, and Fernando Arias making the extra point.

In the fourth quarter, the Renegades put the nail in the coffin when they scored a touchdown and made the extra point. The final score Bakersfield 25, Valley 7.

The Monarchs next home game is Homecoming, when they will face off against Pierce College on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend will be able to view the game on television. TCI cable will be broadcasting the game. For more information, please contact TCI at (818)376-0333.

## Premiere Team Shoots For League Win

BY LINDA E. THOMAS  
STAR REPORTER

"Shoot! Shoot!" a water polo player yells from the far end of the pool.

"Be-a-u-u-u-t-i-f-u-l," another calls out, while a dozen arms wildly splash across the water.

"It's a save!" one coach bellows as a shrill whistle blows, ending the dawn practice.

In its premiere semester at Valley College, the women's water polo team is practicing hard and improving with every game, Head Coach Wonmee Jun said Monday. The team slammed Santa Monica College last week, 25-11. At 6-5 overall and 2-0 in the Western State Conference, the team is tied for first place in the conference with Citrus College.

"I've seen drastic improvements from the start of the semester to now," Jun said. "They've improved their shots, shot selection, passing, defense and overall speed in the water. We're a lot more physical team now."

In the game against Santa Monica Oct. 1, Stephanie Hammer

scored nine goals, Paulette Bonetti scored five and Lianna Kishimoto scored four. Goalie Mellisa Minkey had 10 saves and scored a full-length two-pointer.

"I think we're doing great," player Maureen Tansey said. "When you look at the first day of practice and now, it's a huge, huge improvement."

The players have improved in working as a team, handling the ball and in the knowledge of the rules of the game, Minkey said.

"Aquatics is our life," Tansey said.

After a typical daily practice, 14 shivering players reach for their towels seeking sunny spots in the early morning light.

Tansey and her teammates have already clocked two hours in a pool at hard physical training before most students are even awake.

"I've been a swimmer for 12 years," Minkey said. "This is my second year playing water polo. I played in high school. It's great playing on a first-year team."

Even the best first-year teams are not without their challenges.

"The greatest challenge with a new team is trying to get everyone to play my style of water polo," Jun said. "And, trying to get everyone on the 'same page'." Jun played on the Valley College men's water polo team in 1991-92 and has coached for two local high schools.

The team's toughest game will be against Citrus College, Jun said.

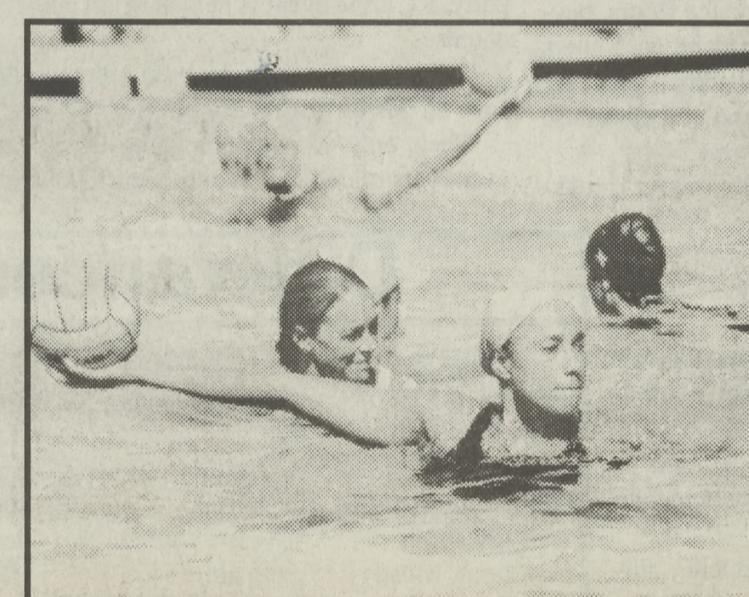
"They're looking to be the top in the conference," Jun said. "Physically, they don't overpower us, but they have a lot more experience than we do."

The team will play in the Citrus College Tournament Friday and Saturday.

"They just might win the league," Valley College Athletic Director Chuck Ferraro said.

Their next home game is against Fullerton Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

"One thing about this team is we have a lot of heart and a lot of pride," Jun said. "Everyone wants to do well. I enjoy coaching players like that. We're a good team, and we should be contending right up there around the top."



Carola Danielsson/Valley Star  
A member of the women's water polo team practices taking shots at the goal.

## Athletes of the Month September, 1997

**Name:** Randall Lane  
**Sport:** Football  
**Grade Level:** Sophomore  
**High School:** Simson, Chicago, Illinois  
**Accomplishments:** Randall has caught 22 passes in two games and leads the state in passes per game.

**Name:** Melissa Minkey  
**Sport:** Women's Water Polo  
**Grade Level:** Freshman  
**High School:** Crescenta Valley  
**Accomplishments:** Melissa is a goalie and she has recorded 83 saves in ten games.

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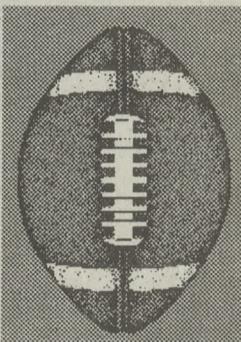
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## OPINION The Transition of a Football Team

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER



Number three in the nation, number two in the state and a win in the No. Fear Bowl.

That's how the Monarchs finished last year's football season.

With the end of the season came a major change in the staff. At the end of last season, Head Coach Jim Fenwick moved on to the University level when he accepted a job at CSUN.

Offensive Coordinator Gary Barlow replaced Fenwick.

How has Barlow done so far this season? Well in my opinion, he's done pretty well.

So far, they have played four games and won four. That's pretty good.

Yeah, he might have come in to a top ranked team, but this isn't the NFL, so he doesn't get to keep the players for many years. He only gets to keep his players for two years and some players only one year.

He has the team playing strong football and more importantly he has them playing like a team.

Of course there is always the minor problems that all teams have, like inexperience.

One problem this team has that I have noticed, is that they don't come out as strong in the first half as strong as the second. I don't know if it's just from being cold, or if they want to make their opponents feel overconfident, but they need to wake up in the first half so that they don't have to come back from behind in the second half.

The team has some strong starters and good backup players and Barlow has done a great job, and if he continues to work them hard with good discipline, this team has the ability to do even better than last year.

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